

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

The FCC seems to take the view that bigger is better. I suggest that you read the book, "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss. "Bigger" has resulted in the dumbing down of America and far less competition in the industry. It has allowed a few people to consolidate power in their own hands, allowing them to dictate what a supposedly free populace may see. The result is having an owner, Sinclair, demand that its stations preempt shows that people look forward to seeing with a blatantly partisan ad featuring less than twenty POWs who share his own views. I hardly think that a few POWs, picked for their animosity toward a candidate, represent the thousands of men who suffered in that war, let alone the thousands more who died and the families they left behind. What about the thousands more who suffer to this day from the horrors they saw committed by both the North Vietnamese and their own comrades. Shame on you for allowing Sinclair to belittle their beliefs and suffering because seventeen men have a beef!! You've taken the whole industry into the gutter by allowing this outrage!!